



# The Columbus Dispatch.



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## AUTO THIEVES CAUGHT HERE

TWO COLUMBUS BOYS IMPLICATED IN AUTO THEFT CASE AND KIDNAPPING.

Car stolen in Birmingham and Chauffeur Who Appraised Officers Of Get-away. Serious Charges

After stealing a big National six-cylinder automobile in Birmingham and kidnapping the chauffeur, two Columbus boys and their companions were arrested south of Columbus Thursday evening by officers Glover and Noble.

The two Columbus boys are Matthew McDowell and Ormond Moore, who was formerly employed as a soda dispenser at Lide's Drug Store. The other two boys implicated in the trouble are Frank Davis of Reform, Ala., and Boyd Funderburk of Birmingham.

The four boys hired the car at a taxi stand in Birmingham and after driving a few miles in the country they knocked the driver Mr. Clay Felton, in the head and forced him to continue with them on the journey.

When they reached the store of Mr. E. D. Ervin, at the Green Hill bridge south of Columbus, Mr. Felton requested Mr. Ervin to telephone to the police, to come out and arrest the boys. Chief of Police Glover, accompanied by Officer Noble, secured a taxi and hurried to the bridge. They finally located the party in the woods by the side of the road five miles south of the bridge.

The car belongs to Mr. Earl Ryan, a taxi owner, of Birmingham, according to Felton. Mr. Ryan was communicated with by telephone and he instructed the officials here to hold the car and extend every courtesy and assistance to young Felton. He came to Columbus Friday at noon to carry the car back to Birmingham.

Felton who is an experienced taxi driver of Birmingham states that the boys came up to his stand on Twenty-first street in Birmingham, and secured the services of his car for a trip to Bessemer, twelve miles from Birmingham. Before they reached the Bessemer district they knocked him in the head, and took possession of the car. He is of the opinion that they were going to do away with him in the swamps between Bessemer and Tuscaloosa, but he worked a clever ruse. He begged them to take him in as a partner in the get-away, and planned to effect their arrest at the first opportunity. They watched him closely and his first opportunity came at the Ervin store near this city. They stopped at the store to buy supplies their purchases at the store, ostensibly to purchase some fruit, and here Felton gave the tip to Mr. Ervin to telephone the police.

After Felton was disabled by the blow administered by one of the boys Moore took the wheel and drove the car to this city. They stopped at Coal Fire, Ala., for gas and oil. They were under suspicion there for a telephone message reached this city early in the day, Thursday, to be on the lookout for them.

The car is a handsome National Six, seven passenger and is practically new.

Felton said the boys were making for New Mexico, and were planning raids all along the route. Columbus and West Point, he believes, were to be the scenes of two raids.

In Alabama the theft of an automobile is a serious offense and the charge of kidnapping is still more serious. The young men are facing a serious situation.

## MARINE WINNING RECOGNITION

Lt. Wiley Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Banks of this city, is winning fine recognition in the Marine service. He entered the service more than a year ago and has won rapid promotion. He is now acting Captain at Norfolk Va., and is in charge of the patrol of the city of Norfolk. He is also recorder of the Norfolk court martial, a position of trust and responsibility. His friends back home congratulate him on his fine successes.

## THE COTTON MARKET

At the close of business yesterday good middling in the local market was quoted at 28 cents.

Mr. Jones Barksdale of the Delta is in the city.

## LOUISA ALCOFF'S FAMOUS STORY OF LOVE AND DEVOTION "LITTLE WOMEN" AT PRINCESS.

The management of the Princess takes very special pride in presenting "Little Women" for your approval Monday April 7th. This is without doubt a classic of the screen, and cannot help but delight the lovers of the better kind of literature. The book "Little Women" had a sale of 2,600,000 copies, and the stage production was a wonderful success. It is typically American and deals with the pure home life of those that live and strive for the better things in life. You will be delighted with it.

The program for Tuesday, 8th, is Bryant Washburn, in "The Way of a Man With a Maid." A romantic drama. "And on the same program Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, in "Love" a continuous laugh maker. "Fatty" would make anything that breathes laugh.

## DEATH OF MRS. MARY CUMMINGS

Mrs. Mary V. Cummings, wife of Justice of the Peace T. M. Cummings, died suddenly at her home, 1765 South Fourth avenue, Thursday night. She retired as usual but was seized with an attack of apoplexy and died in a short time.

Deceased is a native of this county, having been borned and reared here. She was a most estimable lady and was esteemed by a wide circle of friends. She is survived by her husband, three sons, Messrs Louis, Everett and Richard Cummings and a brother, Mr. E. F. Darter, and one sister, Mrs. Lula McClanahan.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from her late residence. Rev. J. H. Felts, pastor of the First Methodist church officiating. The following pall bearers officiated: Messrs J. T. Robertson, J. N. Morton, J. B. Williams, J. T. Stephenson, Major Cook and D. S. McClanahan.

## RED CROSS WORKERS—NOTICE.

The American Red Cross has instituted a system of awards by means of which those rendering a minimum of 800 hours service extending over a minimum of six months time will be issued a certificate entitling them to the official Red Cross Service badge.

In their estimate of hours of service, the workers may include time spent in any faithful work on behalf of the Red Cross, such as nursing, membership campaigns, First Aid and other Red Cross courses, duties as officials etc.

Those who feel that they can meet the conditions are requested to furnish the local Chapter with the following information:

Name and address.  
Number of hours in sewing, knitting, surgical dressings or number of kinds of garments made.

Other kinds of service (specify service).

The Lowndes County Chapter Committee on Awards has merely the power of recommendation. Certificates being issued only by the Division Committee. The Chapter Committee believes that many of its workers, both men and women are entitled to this service badge, and hope these will respond at once with the information above requested.

No further notice will be given as it is obviously impossible to notify individually those who might be eligible. All information must be in the hands of the Committee not later than April 21.

Mrs. John T. Sanford, Chairman  
Committee on Awards.

## DEATH OF YOUNG MAN.

Mr. Sam Riley Blankenship, age 17, died Friday at 7 o'clock at a local sanatorium after an illness of several days. Mr. Blankenship suffered from a bronchial trouble. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blankenship of the prairie section.

He was an exemplary young man in the prime of youth and his death was a severe blow to his parents and countless friends.

The body was shipped to Mayhew yesterday morning for burial. The funeral was held there in the afternoon.

Mrs. C. A. Eubanks received a letter from her son, Dr. G. W. Eubanks, saying that he had been promoted to the rank of Captain and is with the 2nd Division in Germany.

Sergeant Wiley Eubanks is now stationed at Colombey les Belles in France. He has been on a furlough which he spent on the Mediterranean and in Italy.

## BOY SHOT BY NEGRO SOLDIER

James Keenum Painfully Wounded By Pistol Shot from Negro.

Last Tuesday night at 10 o'clock Mr. James Keenum, the son of Mr. G. S. Keenum, who operates a shoe shop on Main street, was shot and painfully wounded by a negro soldier whose identity has not been established. Keenum is about 23 years of age.

The shooting occurred near the home of Rev. J. H. Bell on Military road. Young Keenum was followed by the negro soldier and another negro, Jessie Billups. The latter loitered along behind and when Keenum neared the Bell home, the negro in uniform fired. A motive for the shooting has not been established.

The bullet pierced the left shoulder, and is not a serious wound. The negro Billups was arrested and the following morning placed in jail. He steadfastly refuses to reveal the name of the negro who did the shooting, claiming that he did not know him.

Chief Glover is instituting a vigorous search for the negro.

## IN MEMORY OF Trilbie Beard

"A perfect woman nobly planned To warn, to comfort and command And yet a spirit still and bright With something of Angelic light."

Such a person was Trilbie. So charming, so lovely, and so willing to lend a helping hand in the world, who could forget such a being, one who was always thinking of others, who gave herself, the best that was in her, for the people with whom she came in contact from day to day, who gave her time and the work of her hands and mind to those who needed her most. Her energy and self-sacrifice was so great that her own weariness and health was of little importance to her.

She was such a lovely flower to have been plucked so early; one whose petals had scarcely unfolded. But even so, we should not grieve, but should be thankful that she has been allowed to remain with us even this long to inspire in us aspirations for the nobler things of life.

Though she has been with us for such a short while, her sweetness has penetrated the soul of those around to such an extent that she yet lives in the lives that she has touched; serving as a strong link between this earthly home and that of the Heavenly. Through her, we feel that our claim on Heaven and our Father is greater, deeper and more sacred than ever before.

She was symbolic of Spring in her home; all happiness and gaiety, with the great power of drawing others in to her moods. She was an inspiration to both youth and age; alike drawing them into her life. She was loved by all of them and mainly because they were loved by her.

After realizing that she was such a lovable character, why should we grieve for her when we know that her spirit is safe with Him who Created it. Her mission had been fulfilled in this world, or He would not have called her. God lent her to us for only a little while with the promise that we, His children, shall see her again, and know her even better in the Happy Home where her family circle will never more be broken, where peace and happiness reigns, and trouble is known no more. She is not dead, but has been even better in the Happier Home where her earthly mission is being continued.

"One who loved her."

Columbus learns with pride that one of its efficient young officers in the service, Lieut. Joseph Street, has recently been honored by being appointed special courier to the American Mission in Berlin. His visit to the German Capital was attended by memorable experiences, and a group of post cards from him give an excellent idea of the destruction wrought by the revolutionists particularly upon public buildings. A short furlough enabled him to make a trip along the beautiful Riviera, untouched by the ravages of war.

## HOUSEKEEPERS SALE

The public is invited to attend a Housekeepers' Sale of the Altar Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church Saturday afternoon, April 12, at 3:30 o'clock at the Parish House.

## NEGRO STABS WHITE BOY.

Mr. Leroy Wood Seriously Wounded By Negro Friday Night.

Mr. Leroy Wood, the seventeen-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Woods was stabbed in the back by Jeff Robinson, a negro, on North Market street Friday night about 9 o'clock.

Young Wood was walking along the street with a companion who jostled the negro on one side when he failed to give way on the walk. Wood said something to the negro whereupon the latter stabbed him with a pocket knife.

Young Wood was hurried to the Columbus Hospital where he received medical attention. His condition is not serious though it is feared complications may set in. Unless this occurs his recovery is expected to be rapid.

Robinson was arrested by Officers Cook and Lawrence several hours after the occurrence. He will be given a hearing when the young man's condition is determined definitely.

## TO RAISE STREET ABOVE HIGH WATER LINE

At the special session of the city council Wednesday afternoon, it was decided to grade Third street, which connects with the Waverly Road north of the city to a grade above the back-water level.

Each winter and during the spring months people north of the city are virtually cut off from entering Columbus on this road on account of the high water. Twice this season the street and road has been flooded, rendering the highway impassable for days.

The city participated in the project provided the county shared the cost, it being a joint city and county project. It is believed that the board of supervisors will acquiesce in the plan.

A grade of approximately two feet will be required to bring the road above the high water level. Plans for the grading are being made by Mr. C. L. Wood, county engineer.

Filler for the grading will be secured from the debris which is piled along the street and sidewalks in the area of the recent fire, and from other nearby sources, thereby minimizing the cost of the work.

Miss Dorsey of Jackson, the guest of Miss Annie Ramsey Longino, was the honoree of a picture party given by Mrs. Chandler Dee Wednesday. Another pleasant little party upon the calendar was a reunion of College friends at the Twentieth Century Club Saturday with Mrs. Dee and Miss Georgia Quarles, as hostesses.

Mrs. Joseph Carson and her lovely young daughter, Miss Florence Carson, were greeted with much pleasure by their Columbus friends during a brief stay with Miss Pauline Orr last week. They have spent a greater part of the winter and early spring in Birmingham, but leave the middle of April for Canada where they will be for the summer.

Mrs. S. D. Harris left Saturday morning for Kansas City to join her mother and sister, Mrs. Evans, in a visit to the West. Other absentees are Mr. and Mrs. Ledyard Vaughan who are in New Orleans, Mrs. S. B. Hudson and Miss Sadie Hudson, are in Mobile with Mrs. J. T. Billups.

Captain Cameron Wilson of the Army is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Wilson, at Bent Oak, before reporting at Hoboken for overseas duty. In compliment to Captain and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd entertained informally at tea Thursday evening.

Mrs. John L. Butts, who, for the past year, has resided in Indianapolis, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moore, until the return of Mr. Butts from France. Mr. Butts expects to sail this month, and will probably resume his government work in Florida.

After a short stay with Mrs. Gunby in Atlanta, Mrs. Burton F. Peek has joined Mr. Peek, who has been cruising in Southern waters, in New York City. While in the East, they will visit their daughter, Miss Katharine Peek, a student at Bryn Mawr.

Mrs. Emma Dancy Herring's wide circle of friends welcome the news that she will remain in Columbus, and is with Mrs. Garth and Miss Mary Billups on Third Avenue North. Mrs. Herring recently sold her attractive country place to Mr. Guthrie Wilson of Kentucky.

## ROAD ELECTION RESULTS

Bond Election Carry By Large Majority In Two Districts.

The road bond election in two road districts in west Lowndes held last Tuesday carried almost unanimously. In the West Port district the people voted on the issuance of bonds up to the limit of 10 per cent of the valuation of the property of the district for road construction. No votes were cast against the issue and 12 were voted for it. The following officers officiated at the election: Judges, Messrs. J. O. Canfield, J. C. Gillaspie, and T. J. Evans; clerks, Mr. Arrington Johnson and Mr. J. H. Connell.

In the Artesia district the election was for the issuance of \$40,000 in bonds for the road construction and \$5,000 to pay off an existing indebtedness. The election resulted in 37 votes being cast for the issue and 1 against it. The following officials conducted the election: Judges, Messrs. C. A. Pilkington, J. N. Roberts and J. V. Mitchell; clerks, Messrs. O. G. McIlwain and S. T. Pilkington.

## BUSINESS GOOD YESTERDAY

Many Shoppers In The City And Business Was Fine Through The Day

Yesterday the up-town district of Columbus was thronged with shoppers, many of whom were visitors from adjoining towns and sections.

Shoppers thronged the stores all during the afternoon and business was brisk and lively. Many of the visitors were attracted to the city by the athletic drills at the college, while scores of others came to Columbus, as they do all through the season, to make purchases from the Columbus stores which carry the finest and most varied lines of merchandise in this entire section.

The spring season is opening up and business is keeping pace with the coming of the springtime season.

Business is good in Columbus and people from all over the Columbus region are coming to this city to do their shopping.

Automobiles from all adjoining towns were conspicuous in the traffic yesterday, and they are coming stronger every season.

## MR. PATTERSON WEDS.

Washington, April 3.—John Billups Patterson, formerly of Columbus, Miss., but now located at Albany, Ga., was married at the Concord Apartments, this city, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon to Miss Louise Walter. Rev. J. Harbey Dunham officiating. Mrs. Patterson is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Walter, of Archer, Fla., formerly of Talladega, Ala., where she was connected with the faculty of the Alabama Synodical College as a teacher of music. Mrs. Patterson also taught music in a private seminary in Birmingham. She has resided in Washington for about a year. Mr. Patterson is a native of Columbus, Miss., and was at one time correspondent of The Commercial Appeal. He belongs to an old and honorable family of Mississippi, is well known in newspaper and railroad circles of the South. The bride and groom left Washington this afternoon for the South.—Press Dispatch.

## RED CROSS MEETING

Miss Eustis, district field secretary of the Gulf Division of the American Red Cross met with the executive committee of the Lowndes county Chapter yesterday morning at the city and discussed with members of the committee conditions generally in the county with particular reference to community service work.

The local Chapter was represented at the meeting by Mrs. J. T. Sanford, chairman of the Chapter and heads of the various departments. County branches were also represented in the meeting.

Miss Eustis is an attractive speaker and an enthusiastic Red Cross worker and her talk was an inspiration to those who heard her.

## Housekeepers' Bazaar Friday

The Pastor's Aid Society of the First Methodist church will have a Housekeepers' Bazaar, featuring useful articles, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Baraca Room of the Church Annex. There will also be a sale of pies, salads, sandwiches and candy. This sale will add temptingly to the menu of Sunday dinners, and the housekeepers' will doubtless hail gladly the opportunity it brings.

Mrs. William P. Pope will arrive today from Washington, where she has been for several weeks the guest of her father, Captain Fred Beall.

## CITY BUYS FINE FIRE TRUCK

CITY PURCHASES HIGH-POWERED LAFRANCE FIRE FIGHTING MOTOR TRUCK

Will Be Finest Fire Equipment South—Delivery Will Be Made In 120 Days—Substitutes Motor Equipment Supplied.

At a special meeting of the city council held Wednesday afternoon authority was given for the purchase of a high-powered LaFrance motor fire fighting truck.

With the new equipment installed Columbus will have as fine and efficient and thoroughly equipped fire fighting apparatus as any city in the South.

The equipment purchased is a handsome high-powered LaFrance Type 75, Triple Combination pump and hose truck with a high pressure pumping capacity of 750 gallons per minute. The truck is equipped with a high powered pumping motor which is operated by gasoline and capable of projecting three streams of water under great pressure.

The truck is propelled by special designed fire-truck gasoline motor with appropriate speed in order to reach fires in remote parts of the city quickly, a potent factor in fire fighting efficiency.

Delivery of the truck is to be made in 120 days, and the meantime the city will be supplied with supply motor truck which is being shipped from Atlanta by the LaFrance people. This truck is expected to reach the city early next week and will be in service by latter part of the week. It will give the city ample protection until new truck arrives.

The new truck was purchased at a cost of \$11,500. It is the best in fire fighting apparatus.

No plans have been made or effected relative to the number of men it will require to operate fire department with the new equipment. The opinion prevails in local circles, however, that the present number of firemen, five, including the Chief, will be retained in the forces will be a capable of maintaining and taking proper care of the new truck.

Two horses now in the department will be put in the street department. Disposition of the chemical and wagon, the present major equipment of the department, has not been decided upon. It was purchased several years ago at a cost of about \$11,000. The LaFrance people have made offer to take it over in the deal for the new truck, making credit allowance of \$500 for it, opinion prevails in some of quarters that it should be retained for future use, possibly in the establishment of a sub-station or emergency use in connection with motor truck.

While the recent disastrous fire precipitated the purchase of the apparatus provision had been made for it some months ago, but fortunately its purchase was delayed and the city suffered one of its most costly fires of its history.

## BOY SCOUTS TO BE REVIVED

A conference was held the week with friends of the Boy Scout movement present at which it was decided to renew support of the organization. In this connection Troop No. 1 is to be re-organized. The movement is fortunate in having Mr. T. W. Lewis, as Scoutmaster, he having volunteered his services. Troop No. 1 is to be brought up to the standard of 22 members and boys 12 to fifteen years are desired as members. Mr. Lewis, new Scout Master, will be conferred with the boys of this city and their parents.

Troop No. 2 is still under the direction of Mr. Leland Hume, Scout Master, and he is rounding the troop into shape. Mr. Hume is a valued leader and young men and the Boy Scout movement in this city is fortunate also in having his leadership. You want your boy in the movement, consult either Scout Masters and they will be glad to have him.

Mr. William B. Hamilton, Treasurer in the movement here, is the city the past week and his inspiring work has resounded the above.

Mr. T. W. Townsend and of Inverness are visiting friends relatives in Columbus for a few days.